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TAGS: EPET, MX

SUBJ: US AID FOR MEXICAN OIL EXPLORATION

REF: STATE 067193

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL US OFFER TO ASSIST MEXICO IN OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, NEWS ITEM MENTIONED REFTEL MIGHT REFER TO ONE OF SEVERAL OFFERS BY PRIVATE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE CRUDE FROM PEMEX FOR EXPORT. IN VIEW TODAY' S WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF CRUDE, SUCH OFFERS NOT SURPRISING. GIVEN GOM' S NATIONALISTIC POLICY ON PETROLEUM MATTERS, IT IS EQUALLY UNSURPRISING THAT ALL SUCH OFFERS HAVE BEEN REJECTED.

2. RATIONALE OF FOREIGN COMPANIES HAS BEEN THAT SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD PERMIT MEXICO NOT ONLY TO SUPPLY ITS OWN INTERNAL NEEDS BUT ALSO TO BECOME NET EXPORTER, WITH FAVORABLE EFFECT ON BALANCE OF TRADE. IN EMBASSY' S VIEW, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GOM WILL CHANGE ITS BASIC OIL POLICY TO PERMIT SUCH AN OPERATION.

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